

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [0005] with the following amended paragraph:

[0005] Fig. 1 also shows one or more clients 0101a, 0101b who access the NAS gateway 0103 via a suitable communication network 0102. The client [[is]] communicates with the NAS gateway using an appropriate protocol, e.g., NFS, CIFS, to access files. The data access that occurs at the client level is conventionally referred to as file level access.